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SUBJ: FRONTIER INCIDENT

1. FRENCH MISSION TELEPHONED AT 2:00 P.M. FEBRUARY 4
TO REQUEST EMERGENCY MEETING OF SC "THIS AFTERNOON"
TO CONSIDER GRAVE INCIDENT ON THE FRONTIER BETWEEN
AFARS AND ISSAS AND THE SOMALI REPUBLIC.

2. FOLLOWING LETTER FROM FRENCH AMBASSADOR DE GUIRANGAUD
TO AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN AS SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
WAS DELIVERED AT USUN AT 2:45 P.M.

QUOTE:

J'AI L'HONNEUR DE VOUS FAIRE SAVOIR QU'UN GRAVE
INCIDENT S'EST PRODUIT AUJOURD'HUI, 4 FEVRIER, AU POSTE
DE LOYADA SITUE A LA FRONTIERE ENTRE LE TERRITOIRE
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FRANCAIS DES AFARS ET DES ISSAS ET LA REPUBLIQUE DE

SOMALIE.

LES FORCES FRANCAISES, QUI ETAIENT EN TRAIN DE
DEGAGER UN CAR OU 31 ENFANTS ETAIENT RETENUS EN OTAGES,
ONT ETE PRIS SOUR LE TIR D'ARMES LOURDES PROVENANT DU
TERRITOIRE SOMALIEN. ELLES ONT DU REAGIR POUR ASSURER
LEUR PROTECTION ET CELLE DES ENFANTS.

D'ORDRE DE MON GOUVERNEMENT, JE VOUS DEMANDE
DE BIEN VOULOIR REUNIR D'EXTREME URGENCE LE
CONSEIL DE SECURITE ET DE LE SAISIR DE CE GRAVE
INCIDENT.

VEUILLEZ AGREER, MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT,
L'ASSURANCE DE MA HAUTE CONSIDERATION.

END QUOTE.

3. AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN PLANS TO INFORM SECURITY COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP OF FRENCH COMPLAINT AT INFORMAL MEETING AT
3:30, AT WHICH HOUR MEMBERS WILL BE ARRIVING FOR
SCHEDULED FORMAL MEETING ON QUESTION OF THE COMOROS.
AT 3:00 P.M. NO COUNTER COMPLAINT HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM
THE SOMALIES, BUT FRENCH EXPECT THEM TO COMPLAIN.
WE DOUBT THIS REQUEST WILL IN FACT DEFLECT SC FROM FORMAL
MEETING ON COMOROS LATER THIS AFTERNOON.
MOYNIHAN

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